

MINISTER COMES SOON

China Will Send New Envoy
in Few Months.

IS FORMER YALE STUDENT

Liang Tun Yen a Classmate of Representative Parsons and W. P. Eno, of Washington—Sir Chentung Liang Cheng Notifies State Department That Change Will Be Made.

Liang Tun Yen, the new Chinese Minister to the United States to succeed Sir Chentung Lian Cheng, who is to be elevated to a high position in the foreign office of China, will not come to Washington as a total stranger. Although the change has not been announced officially, it has been confirmed, and Sir Chentung Lian Cheng, Chinese Minister to this country, expects to leave here within the next few months to assume his new duties in his native country.

Liang Tun Yen was educated in this country, having attended Yale as well as the Hartford High School. Representative Herbert Parsons, of New York, and W. P. Eno, of Washington, among others, were here when he was a student. When he attended college, Sir Chentung Lian Cheng and his secretary, Young Kwai, are also personal friends of the new appointee, having attended school with him

Has Kept in Touch.

Liang Tun Yen, although having been away from the United States more than twenty years, has kept himself well informed with the affairs of America and Europe by means of his connection with the English speaking people in the various cities where he has been stationed since he entered the diplomatic service. For many years he has been connected with the staff of the viceroy at Wauchang. Later he was transferred to Tientsin.

Altogether, Liang Tun Yen was in America more than ten years attending college. He spent several years at the Hartford High School, going from there to Yale, where he spent several years. The new minister left Yale, however, during his senior year, just before graduation. It was during his time at Yale that he

made the acquaintance of Mr. Parsons. The two have not seen each other for many years, but a certain friendship grew between them while they were at school that has lasted all these years. Representative Parsons will be one of 'many' others who will be glad to welcome Liang Tun Yen to Washington as China's representative to the United States.

Notifies State Department.

Sir Chentung has advised the State Department that his government is soon to recall him from his post in Washington, and that he will leave here, probably some time the latter part of next month.

He is to assume the position of the board of foreign affairs and comptroller general of foreign revenues and customs. It is probable that his headquarters will be at Tientsin.

Sir Chentung, although he has not been officially notified, is booked to succeed Tang Shac Yi, who recently vacated the post of president general of the board of foreign affairs and comptroller general of maritime customs. Tang Shac Yi is a Yale graduate, and, until his downfall recently, was one of the most influential and powerful men near the court of China.

The present minister, while expressing his regret at leaving Washington, is pleased at the honor bestowed upon him by his government during his three years' period of mourning. It is the Chinese custom to retire from public office when either the father or the mother dies. In the death of his mother, Sir Chentung

tendered his resignation, but he was asked to remain at his post. It is said that he is the sixth man within 400 years who has been retained in active Chinese service and transferred from one post to another during his mourning period. Young Kwai, the secretary at the Chi-

ness Legation, at Nineteenth and U streets, will remain in Washington. The new minister has a family that will accompany him to this city.

SAW WARFIELD BUD OUT.

Jay Rial Gave the "Music Master" a Job as Usher—A Fire Story.

Jay Rial, who is in Washington this

week as the press representative of the Forepaugh-Sells Circus, is one of the best known theatrical and show men in the business. He has been all over the world several times, and during his time has managed and been connected with some of the greatest actors and actresses of

When David Warfield, of "Music Master" fame, was a boy in San Francisco, he once worked for Rial as an usher in the old Bush Street Theater. This was many years before Warfield ever thought of going on the stage. Frequently, how-

Early last April, at Columbus, Ohio, Rial was at work on a complete history of the

world's great fires, which is used in advertising the "Fighting the Flames" scene in the circus. He went to considerable pains in compiling the story, which amounted to three or four thousand words, and covered every great fire since the history of the world began.

He completed his task on the night of April 17, 1906. The following morning it was announced that San Francisco was burning as the result of a great fire caused by an earthquake. Rial hurriedly took his copy to a friend on a Columbus newspaper, the complete story of the world's conflagrations was thrown in type, and within an hour an extra was on the street announcing the destruction of the Golden Gate City and containing an

18. account of every other fire of any consequence since the beginning of the human race. People marveled at the alertness of the newspaper editors. It was Rial who had done the work.

18. **Sioux City Merchants Complain.**

The Sioux City (Iowa) Commercial Club filed a complaint before the Interstate Commerce Commission yesterday against the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul and Central North Pacific roads, and other railroads, alleging unreasonable and unjust rates from Chicago to Sioux City. It is alleged that the railroads discriminate against manufacturers and jobbers in Sioux City in favor of dealers in Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

BUILDING PERMITS.

Building permits were issued by Inspector Ashford yesterday as follows:

To Mrs. Joseph Beale, for one four-story brick dwelling at 239 Massachusetts street, northeast; Architect, G. Brown; builder, John H. Nolan; estimated cost, \$7,000.

To Francis C. Gleichberg, for one three-story brick dwelling at 2122 Bancroft place northwest. Architect, A. B. Weston; builder, John H. Nolan; estimated cost, \$15,000.

To Charles A. Harbaugh, for one two-story frame dwelling at 1234 Franklin street northeast. Architect, H. Harbaugh; builder, John H. Nolan; estimated cost, \$10,000.

cost, \$3,200.